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**General and complete disarmament: assistance to
States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms
and collecting them**

Mali: draft resolution

**Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and
collecting them**

The General Assembly,

Considering that the proliferation, illicit circulation and traffic in small arms impede development, constitute a threat to populations and to national and regional security and represent a factor contributing to the destabilization of States,

Deeply disturbed by the magnitude of the proliferation, illicit circulation and traffic of small arms in the States of the Sahelo-Saharan subregion,

Noting with satisfaction the conclusions of the United Nations advisory missions dispatched by the Secretary-General to the affected countries of the subregion to study the most appropriate way of halting the illicit circulation of small arms and collecting them,

Welcoming the designation of the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat as a centre for the coordination of all activities of United Nations bodies concerned with small arms,

Thanking the Secretary-General for his report on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,¹ and bearing in mind the statement by the President of the Security Council on small arms on 24 September 1999,²

Welcoming the recommendations resulting from the meetings of the States of the subregion held at Banjul Algiers, Bamako, Yamoussoukro and Niamey to establish close regional cooperation with a view to strengthening security,

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² S/PRST/1999/28, see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1999*.



Welcoming the initiative taken by the Economic Community of West African States concerning the declaration of a moratorium on the importation, exportation and manufacture of small arms and light weapons in West Africa,

Recalling the Algiers Declaration adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held at Algiers from 12 to 14 July 1999,³

Emphasizing the need to advance efforts towards wider cooperation and better coordination in the struggle against the accumulation, proliferation and widespread use of small arms through the common understanding of the meeting on small arms, held at Oslo on 13 and 14 July 1998,⁴ and the Brussels Call for Action adopted by the International Conference on Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development, held at Brussels on 12 and 13 October 1998,⁵

Bearing in mind the Bamako Declaration on an African Common Position on the Illicit Proliferation, Circulation and Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons adopted at Bamako on 1 December 2000,⁶

Taking note of the Millennium Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,⁷

Welcoming the Programme of Action of the first United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York from 9 to 20 July 2001,⁸

Recognizing the important role, which the organizations of civil society play in detection, prevention and arousing public awareness in efforts to curb the proliferation of small arms,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the declaration of the African Ministerial Conference on Security, Stability, Development and Cooperation on the Continent held in Abuja on 9 May 2000,⁹ encourages the Secretary-General to pursue his action in the context of the implementation of resolution 49/75 G of 15 December 1994 and the recommendations of the United Nations advisory missions, aimed at curbing the illicit circulation of small arms and collecting such arms in the affected States which so request, with the support of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and in close cooperation with the Organization of African Unity;

2. *Encourages* the establishment in the countries of the Sahelo-Saharan subregion of national commissions to combat the proliferation of small arms, and invites the international community to lend its support wherever possible to ensure the smooth functioning of the said commissions;

3. *Welcomes* the Declaration of a Moratorium on the Importation, Exportation and Manufacture of Small Arms and Light Weapons in West Africa, which was adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Economic

³ A/54/424, annex II, decision AHG/Decl. I (XXXV).

⁴ See CD/1556.

⁵ A/53/681, annex.

⁶ A/CONF.192/PC/23, annex.

⁷ A/54/2000.

⁸ A/CONF.192/15, chap. IV.

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Community of West African States in Abuja, on 31 October 1998,¹⁰ and encourages the international community to support the implementation of the said moratorium;

4. *Encourages* that civil society organizations and associations be involved in the efforts of the national committees to combat the illicit traffic in small arms and their participation in the implementation of the Moratorium on the Importation, Exportation and Manufacture of Small Arms and Light Weapons in West Africa;

5. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Economic Community of West African States, which was held in Bamako on 24 and 25 March 1999, with respect to modalities for implementing the Programme for Coordination and Assistance for Security and Development, and welcomes the adoption by the meeting of a plan of action;

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7. *Invites* the Secretary-General, and those States and Organizations, in a position to do so, to provide assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

8. *Calls* on the international community to provide technical and financial support to strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to take action to combat the illicit trade in small arms;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to consider the matter and to report to it at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them".

¹⁰ A/53/763-S/1998/1194, annex.



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Mali: revised draft resolution

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General and complete disarmament

Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction**Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34**

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention in Geneva from 16 to 20 September 2002, and, on behalf of States parties and in accordance with article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention, to invite States not parties to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations to attend the Meeting as observers.
2. The request contained in operative paragraph 8 relates to programme 2, Disarmament, and programme 6, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.¹ No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, or section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the activities called for in the Convention, except for those related strictly to the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.
3. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34, the Secretary-General foresees requirements for Secretariat assistance and substantive support services for its implementation, including the travel of substantive and conference-servicing staff, as appropriate.



4. The costs of the Fourth Meeting would, in accordance with article 14 of the Convention, be borne by the States parties and States not parties to the Convention participating in the Fourth Meeting, in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted appropriately. At the current stage, the Secretariat has prepared preliminary cost estimates, which have yet to be voted on by States parties.

5. Thus, pursuant to article 14 of the Convention, the request that the Secretary-General undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Fourth Meeting should have no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations. In this regard, it is noted that, following established practice, the United Nations would levy a charge, at the rate of 13 per cent of expenditures, to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in connection with such preparations. That charge would also be borne by the States parties and States not parties to the Convention participating therein.

6. The Committee's attention is drawn to the established practices that all activities related to international conventions or treaties are to be financed from outside the regular budget of the United Nations. Furthermore, those activities may be undertaken not only when sufficient resources to cover related expenditures are received, in advance, from the States parties and States not parties participating in such activities.

7. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Notes

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/55/6/Rev.1).



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Agenda item 75 (c)

**Review and implementation of the Concluding Document
of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:
United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament
and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.46

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.46, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean with all necessary support within existing resources, so that it may carry out its programme of activities and implement same in accordance with its mandate.

B. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, regarding the Secretary-General's provision of support to the



Regional Centre, would be carried out within the resources provided under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. The provision contained therein covers one P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre at Lima.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2002-2003

4. Modifications would not be required to programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 or to section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

E. Potential for absorption

5. The programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 would continue to provide for the P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre at Lima referred to in operative paragraph 8. The programme of activities of the Centre would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

F. Indication of additional requirements

6. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.46, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.



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General and complete disarmament**

United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.16

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.16, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene a United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament not later than 2006, in New York, as a follow-up to the resolve expressed by heads of State and Government in the Millennium Declaration;

(b) Also decide to establish a preparatory committee, open to participation by all States, which would hold no fewer than three sessions, the first session to be held in New York not later than July 2003, the dates of which would be decided at its fifty-seventh session;

(c) Request the preparatory committee to recommend the dates for the holding of the conference at the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

(d) Also request the preparatory committee to make recommendations to the conference on all relevant matters, including a draft agenda, draft rules of procedure and draft final documents and to decide on background documents to be made available in advance;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to render to the preparatory committee and the conference all necessary assistance, including the provision of background information, relevant documents and summary records.



B. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work

2. The activities referred to above would fall under programme 2, Disarmament, and programme 6, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.¹

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, pursuant to operative paragraph 7, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would serve as the substantive secretariat for the preparatory committee. In accordance with operative paragraph 6, the Department would assist in the preparation of the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure and draft final documents. The Department would also facilitate the provision of background documents to be made available in advance of the sessions of the preparatory committee.

4. Pursuant to operative paragraph 7, the Department would be responsible for rendering to the preparatory committee all necessary assistance, including the provision of background information and relevant documents.

D. Modification required in the programme of work for 2002-2003

5. No provision has been made in under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003² for the convening of the first session of the preparatory committee in 2003. Consequently, provisions for the related requirements would have to be made under section 4. The extent to which the Organization's capacity to provide conference servicing would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2002-2003.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

1. Conference-servicing requirements

6. With regard to the activity referred to in operative paragraph 3, it is not possible at the current stage to estimate the requirements for the convening of a United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament not later than 2006. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution and a mandate be given for the convening of such a conference, the related resource requirements would have to be reflected in the context of the budget outline and the proposed programme budget for the relevant biennium.

7. With respect to the request contained in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the first session of the preparatory committee will be convened in New York.

8. It is envisaged that the meeting servicing costs, amounting to \$230,800 at full cost, would be incurred with respect to the following: meeting servicing and simultaneous interpretation for 10 meetings (two meetings per day over a period of

five days); 50 pages of pre-session documentation, 50 pages of in-session documentation and 30 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages of the United Nations; and miscellaneous requirements (see annex to the present statement). The cost of provision of summary records in the six official languages of the United Nations is estimated at \$97,100. However, attention is drawn to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, in which the General Assembly confirmed that summary records should not be provided to special conferences and their preparatory organs, with the exception of legal codification conferences, for which the needs would be determined in each case.

2. Non-conference-servicing requirements

Temporary assistance

9. Temporary assistance equivalent to 3 work-months of General Service (Other level) staff would be required for the planning, organization and convening of the first session of the preparatory committee.

10. The requirements for temporary assistance are estimated at \$15,400 net.

Consultants

11. The equivalent of 1 work-month of consultancy services would be needed to provide expertise in addressing issues to be considered by the preparatory committee. The related costs are estimated at \$10,500, including travel and daily subsistence allowance.

F. Potential for absorption

12. The conference-servicing requirements, exclusive of summary records, of the first session of the preparatory committee are estimated at \$230,800 at full cost. Requirements for the provision of summary records are estimated at \$97,100. As stated above, the extent to which the Organization's capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2002-2003.

13. Provision is made under the relevant section for conference services of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, not only for meetings programmed at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings are consistent with the pattern of meetings of past years. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.16, no additional appropriation would be required under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

14. No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the convening of the first session of the preparatory committee in 2003. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, additional requirements amounting to \$25,900 would have to be included under section 4.

G. Contingency fund

15. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 and, in effect, starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of its current session.

H. Summary

16. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.16, it is estimated that an additional appropriation of \$25,900 would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for 2002-2003. In addition, an amount of \$3,200 would be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, for the additional staff for the Department for Disarmament Affairs. No additional appropriation would be required under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Notes

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/55/6/Rev.1).*

² A/56/6 (Sect. 4).

Annex

Estimates on a full-cost basis of conference-servicing and non-conference-servicing costs of the first session of the preparatory committee for the conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of disarmament

(United States dollars)

1. Conference-servicing costs ^a	
Meeting servicing and interpretation	65 400
Pre-session documentation	61 300
In-session documentation	60 100
Post-session documentation	36 200
Other requirements	7 800
Total, 1	230 800
2. Non-conference-servicing costs	
Temporary assistance (3 work-months at GS (OL))	15 400
Consultants	10 500
Total, 2	25 900
Grand total (1 + 2)	256 700

^a Excluding \$97,100 that would be required should the General Assembly decide on the provision of summary records.



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General and complete disarmament**

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee

Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the decision of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, following appropriate consultations, to hold the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference from 8 to 19 April 2002 in New York;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the 2005 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee.

2. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38, assistance from the Secretariat would be required for servicing the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee.

3. The request contained in operative paragraph 2 relates to programme 2, Disarmament, and programme 6, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.¹ The programme is covered under section 4, Disarmament, and is associated with subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.² The costs related to the activities associated with the aforementioned meeting shall be met in accordance with the



arrangements made by the parties to the Treaty, and no additional costs shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that Secretariat assistance and substantive support services would be required for its implementation.

5. In addition, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no modifications would be required in the activities under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 as the activities to be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction.

6. With respect to the assistance and the services to be rendered to the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee, related requirements for conference-servicing and other costs are envisaged. The first session of the Preparatory Committee is scheduled to be held from 8 to 19 April 2002 in New York. A decision on the dates and venues for holding further sessions of the Preparatory Committee and on the Conference itself is expected to be made by the parties at the first session of the Preparatory Committee, together with a number of other decisions on organizational arrangements, including the provision of summary records. Conference-servicing costs of the first session, including the provision of summary records, are estimated at \$543,400.

7. Additionally, it is expected that non-conference-servicing requirements amounting to \$20,900 would be needed in respect of travel of one Professional staff member from the Department for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch) and the cost of temporary assistance equivalent to 3 work-months of the GS (OL) staff.

8. It should be noted that activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient funding is received, in advance, from the States parties. Furthermore, in accordance with established procedures, the United Nations would levy a charge at a rate of 13 per cent of expenditure for such activities, to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in their implementation. Such expenses, estimated at \$73,400, would also be borne by the States parties.

9. Furthermore, in accordance with established policies and procedures in the United Nations, a provision of \$84,600, corresponding to 15 per cent of the estimated costs of the meeting (inclusive of programme support costs), would have to be made for a contingency reserve to cover eventual shortfalls and final expenditures.

10. A summary of the estimated cost of the assistance and services to be rendered to the Preparatory Committee, which will hold its first session from 8 to 19 April 2002 in New York, is presented below:

Preparatory Committee		(United States dollars)*
(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
	Meeting servicing	126 900
	Pre-session documentation	59 700
	In-session documentation	117 400
	Post-session documentation	35 300
	Summary records	188 900
	Other conference services	15 200
	Subtotal (a)	543 400
(b)	Non-conference servicing costs	
	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for one Professional staff from the Department for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva Branch)	5 500
	Three work-months of temporary assistance by GS (OL) staff	15 400
	Subtotal (b)	20 900
	Total ((a) + (b))	564 300
(c)	Programme support costs (13 per cent)	73 400
	Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	637 700
(d)	Reserve for contingency (15 per cent)	84 600
	Grand total	722 300

* All figures are rounded to the nearest \$100.

11. The costing provided herein is for indicative purposes only. The parties to the Treaty would have to bear in full the actual costs of holding the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

12. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38, no additional requirements would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Notes

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**Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the
Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May
Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have
Indiscriminate Effects**

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43*

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43*, the General Assembly would:

(a) Welcome the convening, in Geneva, on 10 December 2001 of the Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, in accordance with article 13 thereof, and call upon all States parties to Amended Protocol II to address at that meeting, *inter alia*, the issue of holding the fourth annual conference in 2002;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and for the Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, as well as for any possible continuation of work after the Second Review Conference and the Third Annual Conference, should the States parties deem it appropriate;

(c) Also request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depository of the Convention and the Protocols annexed thereto, to continue to inform the General Assembly periodically of ratifications and acceptances of and accession to the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of the draft resolution are related to programme 26, Disarmament, and 27, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,¹ as revised, and section 4, Disarmament, and



section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.²

3. No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, or section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to cover the costs related to the activities required by operative paragraphs 3 and 6 of the draft resolution. The costs related to activities associated with such meetings shall be met in accordance with the arrangements made by the States parties and no additional cost shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no modifications would be required in the programme of work of section 4, Disarmament, as the activities that would be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction, of the section.

5. Estimates for the Second Review Conference were approved by the States parties at the first Preparatory Committee meeting, on 14 December 2000. With respect to the Third Annual Conference, it is estimated that related conference-servicing costs would amount to \$172,400.

6. Activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient funding is received, in advance, from the States parties. Furthermore, in accordance with established procedures, the United Nations would levy a charge at a rate of 13 per cent of expenditure for such activities to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in their implementation. For the Third Annual Conference, such expenses, estimated at \$22,400, would also be borne by the States parties.

7. Furthermore, in accordance with established policies and procedures in the United Nations, a provision of \$29,200, corresponding to 15 per cent of the estimated costs of the meeting (inclusive of programme support costs), would have to be made for a contingency reserve to cover eventual shortfalls and final expenditures.

8. A summary of the estimated cost of the Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, which would be held in Geneva on 10 December 2001, are as follows:

Third Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II

(United States dollars)^a

(a) Conference-servicing costs	
Meeting servicing	8 700
Pre-session documentation	23 400
In-session documentation	55 400
Post-session documentation	55 400
Summary records	26 400
General service requirements	900

Other conference services	2 200
Subtotal (a)	172 400
(b) Non-conference servicing costs	
Temporary assistance at the General Service (Other) level	-
Subtotal (b)	-
Total ((a) + (b))	172 400
(c) Programme support costs (13 per cent)	22 400
Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	194 800
(d) Reserve for contingency (15 per cent)	29 200
Grand total	224 000

* All figures are rounded to the nearest \$100.

9. The costing provided herein is for indicative purposes only. The States parties to the Convention and to Amended Protocol II would have to bear, in full, the actual costs of holding the Third Annual Conference as well as the Second Review Conference.

10. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43*, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Notes

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/53/6/Rev.1).*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/54/6/Rev.1 and Add.1-2).*



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United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General, taking note of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 49/76 D of 15 December 1994, to provide the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific with the necessary support, within existing resources, in carrying out its programme of activities;

(b) Urge the Secretary-General to ensure the physical operation of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu within six months of the date of signature of the host country agreement and to enable the Centre to function effectively.

B. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work

2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of the draft resolution are associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005¹ and section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.²



C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue to provide a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre. With respect to operative paragraph 6 regarding the physical operation of the Regional Centre from Kathmandu, the Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue consultations with His Majesty's Government of Nepal.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2002-2003

4. Modification would not be required to programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, or to section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as the activities that would be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of section 4.

E. Potential for absorption

5. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 would continue to provide for the P-5 post of Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific referred to in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. The programme of activities of the Centre would continue to be financed by extrabudgetary resources. The physical operation of the Centre from Kathmandu, referred to in operative paragraph 6, would also be met from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

F. Indication of additional requirements

6. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50, no additional requirements would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Notes

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/55/6/Rev.1).*

² A/56/6 (Sect. 4).



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**Review and implementation of the Concluding
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United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.18

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.18, the General Assembly would:

Request the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support, within existing resources, to the regional centres in carrying out their programmes of activities.

B. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005¹ and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.²

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, regarding the Secretary-General's provision of support to the regional centres, would be carried out within the resources provided under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. The provision contained



therein covers the 3 P-5 posts of Directors of the three regional centres at Kathmandu, Lomé and Lima.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2002-2003

4. Modifications would not be required to programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 or to section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as the activities envisaged in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of section 4.

E. Potential for absorption

5. The programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 would continue to provide for the 3 P-5 posts of Directors of the three regional centres at Kathmandu, Lomé and Lima referred to in operative paragraph 4. The programmes of activities of the three centres would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

F. Indication of additional requirements

6. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.18, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Notes

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/55/6/Rev.1).*

² A/56/6 (Sect. 4).